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When taxes get so high that the vent of land or buildings will not pay taxes, it means that property is being confiscated.

A secret organization to combat the Ku Klux Klan would seem to be about as objectionable as the Klan itself. Rival lawless organizations will not help matters.

The terrible German explosion in which a whole town is wiped out, and concussion breaks windows for thirty-five miles indicates that explosives of a terrible nature were being manufactured. It might be well to inquire into the necessity for making such compounds, and to what extent they are being manufactured.

The tendency of many wholesale prices is upward, and this marks an end to the time when buyers will hold off to get rock bottom prices. It will doubtless result in increased buying in all lines, and this will do a lot to put an end to business inactivity. The financial situation is also somewhat brighter, and there are a number of favorable indications of late.

South Dakota is said to have a state bank guarantee law so drawn that there has been but one bank failure in the past four years, and that caused by embezzlement. It would seem that we had best investigate and see wherein its provisions differ from those of our statutes on this subject. Conditions would seem to be as favorable in our state, and either their law or its enforcement must be better.

When times begin to brighten, help them along by yourself resuming normal expenditures. Extravagance is never advisable, but free buying of necessary things is essential and benefits return to you. Wheat exports were four times the maximum of any previous August, and that indicates that the western as well as the southern farmer will before the year is out receive more nearly equitable prices for what he has to sell in comparison with what he buys.

The announcement that there will be a reduction on freight on fruits and vegetables from the Pacific coast, is more important on account of being an indication of change of policy than for any other reason though it means much to the producers of a big section as well as to consumers everywhere. This meeting of reducing business with increasing rates has been the poorest kind of policy, and it is encouraging to see the transportation companies preparing to prosper with customers instead of at their expense.

People are not pleased that the conference regarding limitation of armaments is to be held behind closed doors with the results given out each day. If all the news is to be made public there is no reason for such a restriction, and its adoption means that the news is to be censored. The American people will submit to censored news in war times, but they have learned how unreliable it was, and do not like to act upon it in times of peace. There are a lot of things President Wilson said and did that the country did not approve, but "open covenants openly arrived at" sounds as good to them as ever.

Textile factories, shoe factories and many other suspended or partly suspended industries are working their way back to normal. There is a decrease in commercial failures, and this in spite of the fact that a number of firms that the banks did not care to close out during the time of threatened panic have been made to liquidate and pay up, by forced sale or otherwise. Postal receipts are increasing as more business letters are written; the orders of salesmen increase; auto sales show a gain, and there are less idle freight cars. A reduction of freight rates, would now start business moving very satisfactorily.

Supporters of the bone dry search and seizure provisions of the anti-beer bill manifested strength enough to defeat a motion to adjourn. No quorum was present and a call of the house was made necessary. If we adhere to the bone dry policy it is predicted that the financial saving will in a very few years force European nations to the same course. There are more viola-

result of liquor selling and drinking than the first year after prohibition, but not a fraction of what obtained under a saloon regime, and few would return to the latter, no matter what their views and desires.

The senatorial election in New Mexico furnishes the first test of republican popularity. The republicans won, but by a very small plurality. The indications are that the party in power has lost some ground, but that it can still retrieve the situation by prompt action. The people do not seem to feel that retrenchment of expenses has come fast enough; that business conditions are satisfactory, but they have not given up all hope of betterment. Their victory was the most sweeping in history and they have not yet lost all their prestige, but it is evident that they are losing instead of gaining, and a few more breaks like the abolition of excess profits taxes, and giving the larger part of tax reductions to profiteers will cost them their kingdom regardless of the fact that in some places they have made progress in the right direction.

There are rumors that Senator Hitchcock is about to attempt a tie-up with the Bryan faction by a slate containing the name of Hitchcock for senator and Allen for Governor. Did it ever occur to the statemakers that democrats in general are tired of both factions; that to their mismanagement and personal bickerings they attribute a large part of their past misfortunes; that they have no confidence whatever in Hitchcock as a leader that will benefit the people, and less in Tom Allen? The Bryan faction endures Allen because a number of them like the Bryans, but none of them have as much confidence in him as in Hitchcock. Some new men as well as new issues is what the democratic party most needs. To go to battle under old leaders diminishes good prospects of success.

The writer talked with a tailor who commanded the highest individual wages paid in San Francisco, and who was placed by one of the leading houses in charge of their workmen making money for the firm, and by turning out a satisfactory amount of production keeping his bunch working all the time at good wages. He advanced a policy that has a new sound as coming from working men. It was that they not only be satisfied with hours and wages that will produce goods at a price the consumer can afford to pay but that labor strike to compel reasonable prices. If the con-

tions of law and more arrests as a summer is forced to pay too much he holds that labor is worse injured than any other class as working men pay a very large share of such exactions. This thing of a workman striking to hold prices where they will affect him a permanent job, may be a new thing but who will say that there is not some sense in it.

A great deal of attention has been given North Dakota since its capture by the Non Partisan League, and much has been said for and against its policy. South Dakota is much less known but it also has enacted some laws that are worthy of consideration by sister states. They have a state loan that enables its farmers to get money about 2 per cent less than formerly paid, and the charge is but 6 per cent for interest. The loans have a fixed yearly payment, amortize and are fully paid at the end of 33 years. The amount loaned to each man is limited to the \$200,000 the state advanced to start the system in operation has been all paid back but \$35,000. If desired the loan can be partly or wholly be paid off any time after five years. There has been over \$30,000,000 loaned and but one foreclosure. At first there was considerable opposition from the bankers, but its operation has made business so much better for them in other ways that they are all satisfied and some are enthusiastic over the new law. Aspirants for the legislature should familiarize themselves with the terms and workings of this law as it might be the means of furnishing needed development money for the western part of the state.

A correspondent of the Lincoln Star defends the Ku Klux, and says the presumption is that they are a law abiding order and that as they are a secret society there is no way to find out whether they are or not. It occurs that had they not intended to operate similarly to the old Ku Klux of the south, they would not have chosen so discredited a name. The setting up of a private tribunal for the trial of crimes and misdemeanors without hearing but one side of the evidence is a form of treason, as the members yield allegiance to their order rather than their government, and if they undertake to punish in a different way and different degree from the constituted authorities. Our legal procedure is not always just, but from the nature of things is preferable to that of secret tribunals who depend on statements of interested or prejudiced people to take the place of evidence. In

the beginning such a plan might be so conducted that it would make less mistakes than the courts on a certain class of cases, but from the manner in which the Klan must of necessity operate in arriving at its conclusions, it must in the end prove a failure, and either this plan must give way to open trials, or government itself must degenerate into this form of anarchy.

POINT OF ROCK CREEK

Mrs. Arthur Tabor of Trifle, Col., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Nichols.

Mrs. Carn Eaton brought Mr. Eaton out to the threshing machine Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Feyen was out to their place Monday evening and called on the Nichols.

Mrs. Ada Langford helped Mrs. Bess cook for threshers this week.

Boley Sams is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. Lillian Duskin called at Lore's Sunday evening.

John Duskin is heading flax for Wildy's this week.

Mrs. Ada Langford visited with Carl Hashman's Sunday.

Miss Iva Wilkin is home again after a short stay in Hemingford.

Mr. Banks stayed over night in Alliance Tuesday.

Roy Boyers shipped his cattle Sunday.

Mrs. Crawford motored to Alliance Tuesday.

Little J. Williams was taken to the hospital this week to be operated on for appendicitis.

Mrs. Dillon is helping Mrs. Sass cook for threshers Wednesday.

Mrs. Lee Marsh was a caller at De Frances.

Mike Sherlock is back from his claim. Every one is wondering if he is going to take back a Mrs. with him when he returns to Wyoming.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Mabin motored to Alliance Monday.

Ruth Dillon is on the sick list. Maxine Vaughn is also on the sick list this week.

PLEASANT VALLEY

The Nonpareil boys played the Farmers' Union at A. Braham's Sunday, the Nonpareil boys winning by a score of 12 to 6.

Miss Opal and Lola Roberts and brothers, Russell and Glen, took Sunday dinner with their brother, John Roberts.

There has been some broncho busting in our neighborhood the past week.

Dr. Moranville, the veterinary, was a caller in our neighborhood Sunday.

Charles McNay is stacking grain for Mr. Howard near Lawn.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Abley and granddaughters, Alice Young, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Moranville attended the ball game Sunday.

A Chinese scholar declares America is still uncivilized. He is mistaken about it. We do not act this way all the time, and we'll be calm pretty soon.

Some alleged expert finds no excuse for low prices of meat in the United States, and the American consumer answer that there is no low price of meat.

There is this to be said of bobbed hair; you know it is all fastened at one end.

Another thing that congress taxes is the country's nervous system.

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